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NEWPORT, R. I. (UPI) -- THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY "DID DO SOME THINGS WHICH NOW ARE CLEARLY WRONG," BUT IS ATTEMPTING TO FACE UP TO THE NEW REALITIES OF THE 1970S AND 1980S AND CHANGE ITS COLD WAR IMAGE, DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY SAID TODAY.

"A GREAT DEAL OF OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS LIE IN THE OLD IMAGE OF INTELLIGENCE ... ONE FORMED BY THE TELEVISION SPECTACULARS ON SATURDAY NIGHTS, THE JAMES BOND MOVIES AND THE OLD HISTORY OF THE WAY INTELLIGENCE USED TO BE," COLBY SAID.

HE SPOKE AT A THREE-DAY CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM ON NATIONAL SECURITY AT THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE.

"IN 1947 WHEN WE ORGANIZED INTELLIGENCE TO FACE THE COLD WAR, WE ESSENTIALLY ADOPTED THE OLD TRADITIONS ... IN WHICH THE IMAGE OF INTELLIGENCE WAS A SPY, AND CONSEQUENTLY IT WAS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE TO TAKE CARE OF, THAT NATIONS CONDUCT AND DO NOT TALK ABOUT," HE SAID. "ITS DIRECTIVES WERE PHRASED IN VERY GENERAL TERMS WITH SPORADIC AND SYMPATHETIC SUPERVISION OF ITS ACTIVITIES. THIS WAS ITS FOCUS AND FORM OF INTELLIGENCE.

"INTELLIGENCE HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS. BUT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE FACE IS THAT AN AGENCY WITH THAT KIND OF AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE AND STIMULATION BY THE SITUATION OUR COUNTRY FACED, AND WITH THE ENORMOUS SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, DID MAKE SOME MISTAKES. IT DID OVERSTEP ITS BOUNDS. IT DID DO SOME THINGS WHICH NOW ARE CLEARLY WRONG. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT."

HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THESE THINGS WERE.

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